

As a physician and a legislator, Doc was deeply committed to advancing the important issue of medical education to the forefront, and both during and after his time in the Legislature, he championed the construction of new medical schools around the state. He deeply understood how vital it is to ensure that rural Floridians have their medical needs met in their own community, and after leaving the Senate, he was instrumental in bringing a new dental school to DeFuniak Springs.

To some, Doc Peaden will be remembered as a caring physician, always going above and beyond the call to serve the needs of his patients; to others, he will be remembered as an exceptional elected official and champion of health care; to his friends and family, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband and father. His immense contributions to our community and our state will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Senator Durell "Doc" Peaden, Jr. My wife Vicki and I extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to his wife, Nancy; his children Durell III (Trey), Tyler, and Taylen; and the entire Peaden family.

HONORING MR. JOHN MOERLINS

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Moerlins. It takes a special type of person to lead a life of serving his or her community; Mr. Moerlins was that type of person.

Mr. Moerlins selflessly served our great country during his early years in the United States Army and continued to serve his local community of Sound Beach, New York, through his work in federal and local agencies, and many local organizations. After serving in the Army, Mr. Moerlins came home to Long Island where he worked eighteen years as a letter carrier for the Glendale Post Office of the

United States Postal Service and was a long-time member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He later became Treasurer of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Mr. Moerlins continued his life of service on a more local level as a valued resident of the Sound Beach Community on Long Island. He was a long-time member of the Sound Beach Civic Association, the Mt. Sinai Senior Citizens Club, and the Board of the Sound Beach Property Owners. He served as an usher in the St. Louis de Montfort R.C. Church, served on the Miller Place Board of Education, and was also extremely instrumental in the completion of many local projects. As a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, it is fitting that Mr. Moerlins helped to secure funding to create the Sound Beach Veterans Memorial. Additionally, Mr. Moerlins was actively involved in the design of the children's park and the installation of the bus shelter in front of the post office in Sound Beach.

Mr. Moerlins passed away on December 15, 2011. In addition to serving his community, Mr. Moerlins was also a loving husband, father, and grandfather who is dearly missed by his family and friends. It is my hope that many will follow in the footsteps of Mr. Moerlins and give back to their country and community as graciously as he did. People like Mr. Moerlins help make our world a much better place.

Today, I thank John for his years of dedication and service to our country and community.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CARL D. "CHUBBY" PROFFITT, JR.

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Carl D. "Chubby" Proffitt, Jr. of Charlottesville, Virginia, who passed away June 30, 2015 at age 96.

Mr. Proffitt began serving in the U.S. Army National Guard during the Great Depression to support his family. He was called to duty during Pearl Harbor and as a member of the Army's 29th Infantry Division, led his platoon on D-Day. Mr. Proffitt successfully guided thirty men in his landing craft safely on the beach through rounds of machine gun and artillery fire.

For his valor and service, he received three Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and numerous other awards. In 2013, I was honored to see Mr. Proffitt receive the French Legion of Honor for his service during World War II and participate in a ceremony honoring Mr. Proffitt in Charlottesville at the American Legion. He fondly remembered those he served with who did not return home and credited God for his safe return.

Mr. Proffitt was a tremendous family man—a husband of 64 years to wife Ollie, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. As a witness to such pivotal moments in our nation's history, he was honored to speak with student groups and those researching World War II. He was selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the 2008 Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello which then-President George W. Bush attended. He was actively engaged with local recreational endeavors, particularly sports, leading the Charlottesville City Council to honor him in 2010 by dedicating fields at the McIntire Softball Complex in his name. Mr. Proffitt was remembered by Phil Grimm, the commander of American Legion Post 74, of which Proffitt was a lifetime member, as a humble, spirited leader: "He was so down-to-earth that you never realized you were in the presence of someone who had accomplished so much."

We remain forever grateful for Mr. Proffitt's bravery and sacrifices—may he rest in peace. On the day Carl D. "Chubby" Proffitt, Jr. is laid to rest, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join me, the Proffitt family, and the community of Charlottesville, Virginia in honoring the memory of a great American hero.